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FOLLOWING REPEAT OTTAAA 3703 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 1 OCT 75
QUOTE

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SUBJ: PRG REPRESENTATIVE TRUONG TAN VISIT TO OTTAWA

1. MONTREAL GAZETTE AND OTTAWA CITIZEN SEPT 30 CARRIED STORIES
ON OTTAWA VISIT OF TRUONG DAN (SIC) QUOTE SENIOR OFFICIAL
IN THE PRG'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT END QUOTE. VISIT
AND TALKS AT MIN. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,
WERE TO BE AIMED AT QUOTE NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES END QUOTE AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, TRUONG DAN
WOULD MAKE PITCH FOR GOC ECONOMIC AID FOR SOUTH VIETNAM.

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2. AFTERNOON OF SEPT 30 IMMEDIATELY AFTER TRUONG TAN RPT

TAN TALKS WITH ROGERS, DIRGEN OF ASIAN AFFAIRS EXTAFF, VIET-NAM DESK OFFICER ADAMS GAVE EMOFFS FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF TRUONG TAN VISIT. EXTAFF APPARENTLY BOTH PUZZLED AND DISTURBED BY VISIT EVER SINCE THEY FIRST HEARD OF IT. INCEPTION WAS SERIES OF TELEGRAMS FROM TRUONG TAN REQUESTING TALKS WITH MINEXTAFF MACEACHEN AND REPRESENTING SELF AS PRG MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION. EXTAFF LATER LEARNED THAT TRUONG TAN WAS APPARENTLY NOT CULTURAL MINISTER BUT RATHER COUNSELOR OF PRG EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND EXTAFF INITIAL REACTION WAS TO TRY TO DISCOURAGE VISIT. TRUONG TAN CAME ANYWAY UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF VARIOUS PRO-PRG ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA, NOTABLY COMMITTEE FOR CANADIAN AID TO VIETNAM CITIZENS. LACK OF CANADIAN ENTHUSIASM BASED BOTH ON TRUONG TAN'S UNCERTAIN CREDENTIALS (HE LATER EXPLAINED MIX-UP AS TRANSLATION ERROR) AND FACT THAT GOC HAS HAD NO SUCCESS IN LEARNING FROM PRG AUTHORITIES OF PRESENT WELFARE AND PROSPECTS OF CANADIAN MISSIONARY COUPLE, MR. AND MRS. NORMAN JOHNSON, WHO DETAINED IN PLEIKU AREA. ALTHOUGH THERE ABOUT 13 CANADIANS STILL IN VIETNAM, JOHNSONS ARE MAIN CANADIAN CONCERN SINCE MR. JOHNSON REPORTEDLY BEATEN WHEN THEY PLACED IN CONFINEMENT. AMONG SEVERAL CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS RE THE JOHNSONS HAVE BEEN JULY LETTER TO MADAME BINH (AS YET UNANSWERED) AND DIRECT MACEACHEN DEMARCHE TO VIETNAMESE RECENTLY AT UN. RESPONSES TO DATE HAVE BEEN VIETNAMESE AGREEMENT TO LOOK INTO MATTER FOLLOWED BY SILENCE.

3. ADAMS SAID THAT TRUONG TAN DID INDEED MAKE PITCH FOR SIGNIFICANT GOC AID BUT THAT CANADIAN ARE REMAINING COOL AND NON-COMMITTAL PENDING PROGRESS ON JOHNSONS. ADAMS ADDED PERSONAL VIEW THAT EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS APPEARED UNLIKELY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD.

4. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT TRUONG TAN MEETING AT EXTAFF WAS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. GOC IS RELUCTANT TO MOVE AHEAD WITH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PENDING PROGRESS ON THE JOHNSON ISSUE, WHICH CLEARLY EMBARRASSING TO GOC. PRIOR TO COMMONS ADJOURNMENT IN JULY, OPPOSITION HAD CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT QUESTIONING HOW IT COULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTECTING ITS OWN CITIZENS. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADAMS TOLD US THAT JOHNSONS BEING HELD WITH NINE AMERICANS. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT CANADIANS AS UP-TO-DATE ON THEIR WELFARE AS DEPARTMENT MAY BE, IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY INFO WORTHWHILE PASSING TO CANADIANS ON THE JOHNSONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IT. JOHNSON

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